



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: June 17, 2008

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Engineering Division, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Right-Of-Way Certifications For Federally Funded Transportation Projects

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt, by reading of title only, A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Authorizing and Directing the Public Works Director to Execute Right-of-Way-Certifications Required for Projects Administered by the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), and Rescinding Resolution No. 99-042.

DISCUSSION:

On May 25, 1999, Council adopted Resolution No. 99-042 authorizing the Public Works Director to execute Right-of-Way Certifications (Certifications) for City projects that utilize federal funding sources, or that involve the alteration of improvements maintained by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) within adjacent highway rights-of-way.

Projects of this type require the City to execute Certifications for review by Caltrans on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Generally, these Certifications document compliance with Federal and State guidelines in the acquisition of real property interests for federally funded projects. The Certifications also assure FHWA and Caltrans that any physical obstructions have been or will be removed, relocated, or protected, as lawfully required, and that any assistance necessary for the relocation of displaced tenants or allowance for business loss has been provided in accordance with all applicable Federal and State guidelines.

The Certification format required by Caltrans changes periodically and the format now contains text that exceeds prior authorization set forth in Resolution No. 99-042. In anticipation of several projects (such as the Haley / De La Vina Streets Bridge, Ortega Street Bridge and Cabrillo Boulevard Bridge Projects) that will require Certifications, it is recommended that a new Resolution be adopted at this time to replace the 1999 Resolution. This will authorize the Public Works Director to expeditiously execute said Certifications on a case-by-case basis, subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney.

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